

VETO MORTGAGE TAX BILLS.

THE GOVERNOR URGED TO TAKE THAT ACTION.

Mr. Van Ingen Argues That They Will Not Raise More Than \$500,000 the First Year, Are Unconstitutional and Still Contain Many Incurable Defects.

ALBANY, May 19.—Gov. Higgins has been asked to veto the original and supplemental mortgage tax bills. The supplemental bill was passed to meet defects in the original bill, which were pointed out by E. Van Ingen, as chairman of the executive committee of the Allied Real Estate Interests of the State. In view of the widespread opposition to the bills Mr. Van Ingen to-day called on Gov. Higgins and asked that he grant a hearing on the measures, both of which, it is contended, are unconstitutional, besides having incurable defects in mode of operation.

It has been supposed that the supplemental mortgage tax bill would raise about \$2,000,000 the first year, half to go to the State Treasury and the remainder to the localities. Mr. Van Ingen asserts that the amount of revenue which the State will receive from this tax for the first year cannot exceed \$500,000, and in all probability will fall far short of this sum. He argues that this small amount of revenue is out of all proportion to the injury which will be caused by the enactment of this experimental legislation.

To-day Mr. Van Ingen filed a brief with the Governor in opposition to the bills, in which he says:

"It is essential that additional revenues be raised to meet the expenses of the State, then we suggest that a recommendation be made to a special session of the Legislature that a recording tax on mortgages be passed as an emergency measure, or, if such a course is not necessary, that the Legislature be requested to appoint a tax commission, which shall among other things, definitely decide and make recommendations upon the question of mortgage taxation in this State."

In the brief it is pointed out that the supplemental bill was passed under an emergency message from the Governor in the closing days of the session and that a request for a hearing on it was denied and it is urged that the same reasons which actuated the Governor in not signing the original bill apply with equal force to the supplemental measure. While it is true that the supplemental bill corrects some of the defects of the original bill, it is pointed out that the following defects are not corrected:

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JUSTICE HARLAN HONORED.

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WINONA LAKE, Ind., May 19.—The twenty-one working committees that will have charge of all the important questions to come before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church were appointed by Moderator Moffatt to-day and at the same time he named Justice John M. Harlan of the United States Supreme Court as vice-moderator, the second highest honor in connection with the General Assembly.

Several committees reported during the day, but the most important and the one that evoked the greatest interest was that on marriage and divorce. The committee urged that the rule that ministers refuse to perform marriage ceremonies of divorced persons be continued unless the parties are divorced for causes recognized as scriptural. In this event one year must elapse from the granting of the divorce before the minister can perform the ceremony. The committee was continued in its work.

The committee on Sabbath observance urged that all forms of sport and railroad excursions be abolished on Sunday, that Presbyterians refuse to subscribe for Sunday newspapers, that each minister preach a special sermon on observance of the Sabbath.

If gruff indications are to be relied on, the opposition to a union with the Cumberland Presbyterians is on the increase in the General Assembly, for some of the more conservative commissioners from the East are now opposed to consolidation. It is expected that the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly now in session at Fresno, Cal., will take up the subject of union about the same time that it comes before this body.

The greatest difficulty is not in union, but in adjusting themselves to it after it has been consummated. There are colleges belonging to the Cumberland church to be abandoned or so changed in their operations as to be necessary. In many cities there are valuable Cumberland churches near other Presbyterian churches and it is a serious question whether the whole church are to be sold or otherwise disposed of.

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\$100 FOR SPEED; WOODRUFF GETS OFF WITH \$30.

SPECIAL SESSIONS JUSTICE HOLT THAT HIS RACING CAR SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF CITY STREETS.

Word Goes Against All Other Evidence in West Side Police Court.

Henri de Baillour, who said he was an automobile driver for W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., was fined \$100 in Special Sessions yesterday for speeding. He was arrested on May 8 at Broadway and Fifty-fourth street by Bicycle Policeman Casey, who said De Baillour dashed up in his Forty-fourth street at the rate of forty miles an hour. It was about 8 o'clock at night and the streets were crowded. In court yesterday Lawyer Charles F. Howe appeared for De Baillour. He entered a plea of guilty. Assistant District Attorney Lockwood said: "This is a very serious one. This man has been arrested three times for the same offense and was once fined \$25 in this court. His auto is a big 90 horse-power racing machine."

Lawyer Howe said that his client had no excuse to offer except that he was sure his machine was not going faster than thirty miles an hour, because it was only geared to that speed.

"The machine should be kept out of the city streets, anyway," replied Justice Hunsdale. "It is entirely too big for city traffic. We fine the defendant \$100 or the alternative of thirty days in jail." De Baillour paid the fine.

In the afternoon, Timothy Woodruff's chauffeur, Carlos Bastinello, of 100 West Fortieth street, was up on the same charge. He is a Spaniard and cannot talk English. He was arrested on March 18 for speeding on Broadway near Forty-ninth street. He smiled serenely when Justice Hunsdale, Zoller and McKee decided to fine him \$50 and warned him that the second offense might mean imprisonment.

"What's he laughing at?" asked Justice Zoller.

"Oh, he says that that talk about the jail makes him laugh," replied the interpreter.

As he was leaving the courtroom the Spaniard whispered to the interpreter: "If they knew that I was Tim Woodruff's chauffeur I suppose they'd soak me a hundred."

Magistrate Wable had several automobile arrests to throw out in the West Side Police Court. Guyan Earle, 19 years old, of 145 West Seventy-fourth street, a son of the late Frederick P. Earle, was charged by Bicycle Policeman J. W. England of the West Forty-seventh street station, with going eighteen miles an hour on Broadway.

Earle said he was a careful driver and had a speedometer, which, shortly before his arrest, registered below the limit. He said he was sure he was not exceeding the limit. He was held in \$100 bail for trial.

Everett Hudson, an automobile driver, living at the Hotel Gerard in West Forty-fourth street, was charged by the same policeman with going eighteen miles an hour. He was held in \$100 bail, too.

Charles H. Page, an automobile manufacturer, of 220 West Forty-ninth street, was arraigned by Bicycle Policeman Nier-

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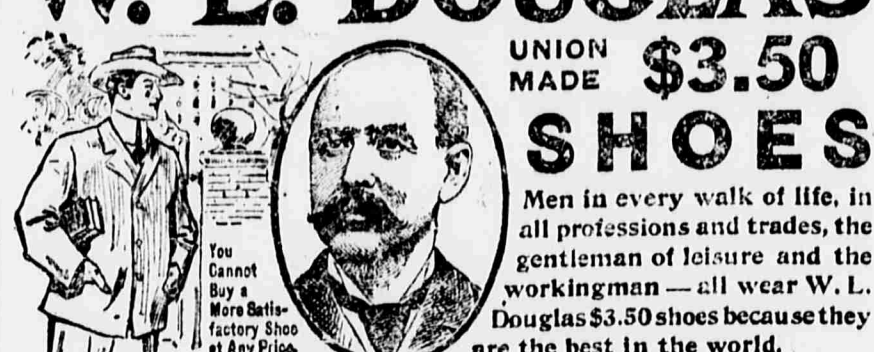
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